



2016 FULBRIGHT U.S. – ASEAN VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The U.S. Embassy in Vientiane, Laos is pleased to announce the **2016 U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program**, a Fulbright program for ASEAN citizens. The program offers grants to Lao scholars, university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professional staff of think tanks and other NGOs in Laos to travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research or to engage in special academic-related projects for 3-4 months on issues that are relevant to ASEAN or the U.S - Lao relationship.

Scholars may apply to lecture and conduct research in fields that will support ASEAN initiatives such as supporting regional economic integration, promoting opportunities for women, fostering green growth, and addressing transnational challenges (including human trafficking, climate change, sustainable fishing, wildlife trafficking). These fields can include: Education, Environmental Sciences, Financial Market Integration, Food Technology, Information Sciences, Journalism, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, Statistics, Trade and Investment, Trade Facilitation, and TEFL & Applied Linguistics.

Award Terms: Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:

- A monthly stipend for grantees, between USD 2,710 and 3,145, depending on the U.S. host city.
- A direct-flight, round-trip economy-class air ticket.
- A one-time \$1,250 professional and settling-in allowance.
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to \$3000, as necessary.
- Please note that dependent support will not be available.

ELIGIBILITY:

An applicant must:

1. be a **Lao citizen** in good health, **not exceeding 55 years old by the application deadline**; (individuals holding U.S. immigrant visas or permanent U.S. resident cards (green cards), or dual (Lao and U.S.) citizenships are not eligible to apply);
2. be physically present in Laos at the time of interview;
3. hold a Master's Degree or higher;
4. be a highly-motivated and experienced person who has responsibility for teaching/researching/engaging on U.S. – ASEAN matters and who has the ability and willingness to incorporate information about U.S. – ASEAN relations in his/her teaching and professional work;
5. be able to take leave from his/her home institution or post;
6. be able to fully participate in preliminary and pre-departure orientations at the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane;
7. be willing and able to serve as a cultural ambassador for Laos while in the United States, e.g. as a lecturer, seminar participant, consultant, or in other capacities requested by the host institution or community;
8. be prepared to lecture and participate in academic and professional activities related to the program upon return to Laos; and
9. must not have held a Fulbright grant within the past 5 years.

A complete application set includes:

1. **Original completed application form**
2. **Project Statement** (not more than 3 - 5 pages typed)
3. **Bibliography** (up to 3 pages; this is required for research or combined teaching/research awards)

4. **Curriculum Vitae** (up to six pages)
5. **A copy of your academic transcripts**
6. **Three letters of recommendation (one from your home institution, all sealed in envelopes)**
7. **A letter of invitation from the U.S. host institution is an advantage, but not required at this stage**
(a copy of a PDF file with signature is acceptable). *Provided you are selected, a letter from a host institution will be required.*
8. **Submit 4 sets of your application except the recommendation letters (one original completed application form and three copies. We do not require copies of the recommendation letters). Please do not staple your applications.**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

August – November 06, 2015	Program announcement and application forms will be available on the website http://laos.usembassy.gov
Friday November 06, 2015	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING COMPLETED PRELIMINARY APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
November 13, 2015	Screening and shortlists of proposals, Finalists notified of interview place, date and time
November 20, 2015	Interview by Fulbright Committee
November 23, 2015	Candidates notified of the interview results Final online application form given to the selected scholars
December 18, 2015	Completed final online applications submitted to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) and the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Department of State in Washington, D.C. for final consideration
April – May 2016	Scholars notified of final approval from Washington, D.C.
Early June 2016	Pre-departure Orientation
September 2016 onward	Departure of Scholars

Please be advised that:

- ***Scholars' grants must not start before September, 2016 and no later than February, 2017.***

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applicants who are interested must submit the completed application and required documents by-hand delivery or mail (not by email) to the Fulbright Office, Public Diplomacy Section, Thadeua Road Km9, U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos. **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, November 06, 2015** to be eligible for further consideration.

Fulbright Office, Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos will nominate up to three (3) candidates for final approval which will be made by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in Washington. Notification will be conveyed to selected and non-selected candidates. expected by May 2016.

A detailed announcement and application form can be downloaded at <http://laos.usembassy.gov>. If you have any questions, please contact the Fulbright Office, Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos at 021 48 7000 ext. 7055 or at Fulbright-humphrey@state.gov.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, November 06, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.